

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER
DOCKET NO.: 2007-2003-LII-E **TCEQ ID:** RN103480398 **CASE NO.:** 35111
RESPONDENT NAME: Dale M. Sommerfeld

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ORDER TYPE:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING
<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> SHUTDOWN ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY ORDER	
CASE TYPE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
<input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION
<p>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: 2224 Weatherbee Street, Fort Worth, Tarrant County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Landscape irrigation business</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: A complaint was received October 9, 2007, alleging that the Respondent installed an irrigation system and was advertising with an expired license. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p>INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on April 28, 2008. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Elvia Maske, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC 128, (512) 239-0789; Mr. Bryan Sinclair, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2171 Respondent: Mr. Dale M. Sommerfeld, 817 Shady Glen Court, Fort Worth, Texas 76120 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:

VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p>Type of Investigation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: October 9, 2007</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: October 31, 2007</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: November 6, 2007 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a complaint investigation.</p> <p>WATER</p> <p>Failed to hold a landscape irrigator license prior to advertising, selling, designing, consulting, installing, maintaining, altering, repairing, or servicing an irrigation system or representing to the public that he could perform a service for which a license is required. Specifically, the Respondent advertised for irrigation system installation services and installed an irrigation system at the Site on or about September 25, 2007, without a current irrigator license. The Respondent's license expired on August 31, 2002 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 30.5(a) and (b) and 344.4(a), TEX. WATER CODE § 37.003, and TEX. OCCUPATIONS CODE § 1903.251].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$250</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$0</p> <p>Total Paid to General Revenue: \$200</p> <p>Site Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Person Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Major Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002</p>	<p>Ordering Provisions:</p> <p>The Order will require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, cease advertising, selling, designing, consulting, installing, maintaining, altering, repairing, or servicing landscape irrigation systems until properly licensed; and</p> <p>b. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision a.</p>

Additional ID No(s): N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision November 6, 2007

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	28-Nov-2007	Screening	10-Dec-2007	EPA Due	
	PCW	14-Dec-2007				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Dale M. Sommerfeld		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN103480398		
Facility/Site Region	4-Dallas/Fort Worth	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	35111	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2007-2003-LII-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Irrigators	Enf. Coordinator	Elvia Maske
Multi-Media		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 6
Admin. Penalty \$	Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum
			\$2,500

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) Subtotal 1

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History 0% Enhancement Subtotals 2, 3, & 7

Notes

Culpability No 0% Enhancement Subtotal 4

Notes

Good Faith Effort to Comply 0% Reduction Subtotal 5

Before NOV NOV to EDP RP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes

Subtotal 6 0% Enhancement*

Total EB Amounts *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

Approx. Cost of Compliance

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 Final Subtotal

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 0% Adjustment

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty

DEFERRAL 20% Reduction Adjustment

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

Screening Date 10-Dec-2007

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PCW

Respondent Dale M. Sommerfeld

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PCW Revision November 6, 2007

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Media [Statute] Irrigators

Enf. Coordinator Elvia Maske

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%
Please Enter Yes or No			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance
History
Notes

No adjustment due to compliance history.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

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PCW

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PCW Revision November 6, 2007

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Media [Statute] Irrigators

Enf. Coordinator Elvia Maske

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 30.5(a) and (b), 344.4(a), Tex. Water Code § 37.003, and Tex. Occupations Code § 1903.251

Violation Description

Failed to hold a landscape irrigator license prior to advertising, selling, designing, consulting, installing, maintaining, altering, repairing, or servicing an irrigation system or representing to the public that he could perform a service for which a license is required. Specifically, the Respondent advertised for irrigation system installation services and installed an irrigation system at 2224 Weatherbee Street, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, on or about September 25, 2007, without a current irrigator license. The Respondent's license expired on August 31, 2002.

Base Penalty \$2,500

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 10%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$2,250

\$250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

41 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x	daily	
	monthly	
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$250

One single event is recommended for installation of one irrigation system as documented during the October 31, 2007 record review.

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$14

Violation Final Penalty Total \$250

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$250

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Dale M. Sommerfeld

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Media Irrigators

Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$450	25-Sep-2007	1-May-2008	0.6	\$14	n/a	\$14

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to obtain a landscape irrigator license. Date Required is the date when the Respondent installed a landscape irrigation system without a license. Final Date is the expected date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$450

TOTAL

\$14

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN602000358	SOMMERFELD, DALE M	Classification:	Rating:
Regulated Entity:	RN103480398	SOMMERFELD, DALE M	Classification:	Site Rating:
ID Number(s):				
Location:	8300 RANDOL MILL RD, FORT WORTH, TX 76120 TARRANT COUNTY			
TCEQ Region:	REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX			
Date Compliance History Prepared:	December 17, 2007			
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement			
Compliance Period:	December 17, 2002 to December 17, 2007			
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History				
Name:	Elvia Maske	Phone:	(512) 239-0789	

Site Compliance History Components

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| 1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? | No |
| 2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership of the site during the compliance period? | No |
| 3. If Yes, who is the current owner? | N/A |
| 4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)? | N/A |
| 5. When did the change(s) in ownership occur? | N/A |

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

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|----|---|
| A. | Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government. |
| | N/A |
| B. | Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government. |
| | N/A |
| C. | Chronic excessive emissions events. |
| | N/A |
| D. | The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) |
| | N/A |
| E. | Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) |
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| F. | Environmental audits. |
| | N/A |
| G. | Type of environmental management systems (EMSs). |
| | N/A |
| H. | Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates. |
| | N/A |
| I. | Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program. |
| | N/A |
| J. | Early compliance. |
| | N/A |

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
DALE M. SOMMERFELD
RN103480398**

**§ BEFORE THE
§
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
§
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2007-2003-LII-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Dale M. Sommerfeld ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 37, and TEX. OCCUPATIONS CODE ch. 1903. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a landscape irrigation business at 8300 Randol Mill Road in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. The Respondent installed an irrigation system at 2224 Weatherbee Street in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas (the "Site").
2. TCEQ has general authority to regulate the design and installation of landscape irrigation systems, and the licensing of landscape irrigators and installers, pursuant to TEX. OCCUPATIONS CODE ch. 1903.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about November 11, 2007.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent

has paid Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) of the administrative penalty and Fifty Dollars (\$50) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As an unlicensed irrigator at the Site, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to hold a landscape irrigator license prior to advertising, selling, designing, consulting, installing, maintaining, altering, repairing, or servicing an irrigation system or representing to the public that he could perform a service for which a license is required, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 30.5(a) and (b) and 344.4(a), TEX. WATER CODE § 37.003, and TEX. OCCUPATIONS CODE § 1903.251, as documented during a record review conducted on October 31, 2007. Specifically, the Respondent advertised for irrigation system installation services and installed an irrigation system at the Site on or about September 25, 2007, without a current irrigator license. The Respondent's license expired on August 31, 2002.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations, which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Dale M. Sommerfeld, Docket No. 2007-2003-LII-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, cease advertising, selling, designing, consulting, installing, maintaining, altering, repairing, or servicing landscape irrigation systems until properly licensed, in accordance with the requirements of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE ch. 344; and
 - b. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Regulatory Compliance Section Manager
Compliance Support Division, MC-178
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
7. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreement may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes.
8. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

[Signature]
For the Executive Director

4/6/2008
Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
 - Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
 - Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
 - Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
 - Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
 - TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.
- In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Dale Sommerfeld
Signature

3/26/08
Date

Dale Sommerfeld
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Dale M. Sommerfeld

Pres.
Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

